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Subject: Colorado Toxic Spill

Dear Administrator McCarthy:

I do not make comparison in any way between your leadership of the EPA and either of the Administrators during the G.W. Bush administration. However, I am so taken aback by the circumstances of the toxic spill on the Animas River that I would almost believe we have moved back in time.

It will be interesting to read news reports once the full extent of the spill and its consequences are known but I want to say that something as dire as this spill could only have occurred through negligence and incompetence.

I hope there are personnel consequences and whoever is responsible, whether an EPA employee or private contractor, is identified, held to account and if a private contractor, made to pay for the clean-up of the river, tributaries and recompense citizens affected by the spill. I also hope there are no quid-pro-quos should a private contractor be found responsible.

I look forward to some response from your office regarding the above.

Sincerely Nancy Eichler Albany CA